

45-Miles Advance Towards Vienna

ZHUKOV ATTACKS FULL STRENGTH—BEATLES

HITLER'S High Command declared yesterday that Marshal Zhukov's frontal assault towards Berlin is being made with the full weight of the Red Army. Though Moscow remains silent, it seems that the grand offensive is on—a simultaneous blow by the Allies in East and West to squeeze the life out of the German Army.

MONTY WARNS HIS MEN

'Don't Make Friends With Them'

"DON'T FRATERNISE WITH THE ENEMY," SAYS FIELD-MARSHAL MONTGOMERY IN A LETTER TO HIS TROOPS.

"Peace does not exist merely because of a surrender," the letter goes on.

"Our occupation of Germany is an act of war, the object of which is to destroy the Nazi system.

"In streets, houses, cafes, cinemas, etc., you must keep clear of Germans, man, woman and child, unless you meet them in the course of duty.

"You must not walk out with them or shake hands, or visit their homes, or make them gifts, or take gifts from them.

"You must not play games with them, or share any social event with them. In short, you must not fraternise with Germans at all.

"In Germany you will have to remember that laughing and eating and drinking with Germans would be bitterly resented by your own families, by millions of people who have suffered under the Gestapo and under the Luftwaffe, and by every ally that Britain possesses.

"Be just, be firm; be correct; give orders and don't argue. Last time we won the war, let the peace slip out of our hands. This time we must not ease off—we must win both the war and the peace."

'Big Riots In Czechoslovakia'

Stockholm, Saturday. Serious riots are reported to have broken out in Czechoslovakia. They have reached a climax with a revolt near Prague. German officials and their families are hurriedly leaving the Czech capital—B.U.P.

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There'll
come a
time...

when once again in a peaceful world a generous fire burns brightly in the grate. What a welcome there is in the quiet of this pleasant room the cheerfulness of old copper kettle gleams in the flickering fire-light; so brightly—thanks to Brasso—that it almost seems as if the kettle itself were aflame.

BRASSO

Brasso brings brightness wherever it goes

He Crashed And 32 Nazis Gave Up

From DENIS MARTIN, Correspondent

21st Army Group H.Q., Saturday.

FLYING—OFFICER CLIFFORD MONK, of Worthing, Sussex, today crash-landed his Typhoon just east of the Rhine, in the middle of a machine-gun battle, and took 32 prisoners.

Jumping into the nearest foxhole after he reached the ground he found himself with two Germans, who begged to be allowed to surrender. On giving up their arms the happy Germans yelled at the top of their voices the good news that they had found someone to whom they could give themselves up.

One by one they came in until Flying-Officer Monk had 32 on his hands.

In the British sergeant arrived, and with him P. O. Monk marched his miniature convoy to the nearest Headquarters.

"And then I hatched home," said P. O. Monk. "I do not know who was most scared—the Germans or myself. I was looking for cover—not Germans."

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Rhine Battle Honours

21st Army Group H.Q., Saturday.

The following units are officially announced tonight as taking part in recent military operations of the British Second Army.

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, the Worcestershire Regiment, the Hampshire Regiment, the Dorset Regiment, the Somerset Light Infantry, the Wiltshire Regiment, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and the Cameronians—Reuter.

*7th's 23,000 Prisoners With the 7th Army.

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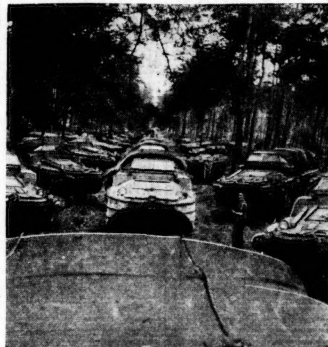
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Amphibious lorries ("ducks") in a wood near the Rhine where material and equipment was concentrated before the assault crossing.

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Monty's Rhine Drive

Twenty-four hours after the words "Let's go" had been spoken, the colossal operation, planned with such minute care and timing, was already taking on the complexion of a major break through.

Both Montgomery's and Patton's forces were bulging out rapidly in their bridgeheads, and there was every indication that confidence at Supreme H.Q. and among the troops themselves before the assault would be more than justified.

Mr. Churchill, at Montgomery's H.Q. for the opening of the attack, shared that confidence. In an eye-of-battle message to the armies involved he declared:

"ONCE THE RIVER LINE IS PIERCED AND THE CRUST OF GERMAN RESISTANCE IS BROKEN, A DECISIVE VICTORY IN EUROPE WILL BE NEAR."

Swift and significant sequence of events crowned the Premier's words. Within two hours of the official announcement that the 21st Army Group had swung into savage offensive action, the three objectives—Wesel, Wesel, and Bielefeld—had been stormed and captured.

Everything was going "according to plan" in all sectors of the broad east Rhine front. Hour after hour the line advanced across the last great river barrier before Berlin grew.

Motorized spearheads already organised into convoys sped ever more deeply into Germany, exploiting the momentum of the breakthrough. The line was now a series of ambitious and most successful river crossings in the history of warfare.

More and more, men, more and more tanks, more and more guns, were poured into the swiftly swelling bridgeheads. Entire battalions of British troops, men of famous Scottish and English county regiments, were soon well established. Theirs had been the main job of forcing the crossing. They did it well—as usual.

As in the bridgeheads (crashed by the U.S. 1st and 3rd Armies, resistance was light—so light that it suits this is the last campaign of the war.

Kesselring is reported to have in this sector some of the finest German paratroop divisions yet remaining.

ENEMY TEMPORARILY DAZED

Yet, so far, the Allies have not come up against serious opposition. One war correspondent, who crossed with U.S. Infantry, said that in the first two hours the battalion had not reported a single casualty and was advancing against what could hardly even be called scattered resistance.

Commanders, for instance, who captured Wesel did so at a cost of only one half of an infantry man. They revealed this in a message containing air crews on the great part they took in Friday's attack.

Among several hundred prisoners already taken, elements of only two German divisions have so far been identified. Forward positions are not strongly held, and there has yet been no meeting with the more powerful and semi-mobile reserves.

Perhaps the overwhelming strength with which Montgomery struck, and the gigantic softening-up from the air had temporarily dazed the enemy.

Nothing like the concentrated fury of the attack has been seen before. It eclipsed the storming of the Normandy beach on June 6.

The banks of the river shuddered in the moonlight to the terrible tremor of the assault on Friday night.

Scottish troops, including the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, won the bridgeheads at Rees and Xanten while men of the First Commando entered Wesel. Then shortly after dawn yesterday Highland Light Infantry crossed into the Rees bridgehead.

This area both sides of Wesel is the classic highway of invasion into Germany and lies just north of the most densely built-up area of the Reich.

Montgomery is believed to face in this sector a German commando almost ten times as strong as that which opposed Patton's breakthrough in Normandy, but the Allied attacking force is immeasurably stronger.

The crossings have been made at points where our guns can cover the troops acrossing for depths of from four to six miles. And with Wesel, gateway to Northern Germany, in our hands, the gun cover range will now be extended.

The new offensive has temporarily overshadowed the good news from the other bridgeheads across the Rhine.

IT TOOK MONTHS OF REHEARSAL Navy Put Over New Ferry Technique

From AUSTIN BEALMEAR, A.P. War Correspondent

Supreme H.Q., Saturday. BRITISH and American Naval forces which ferried Montgomery's combat troops and tanks across the Rhine yesterday have been rehearsing for months in Britain to perfect an entirely new amphibious technique.

When it became apparent that such a ferry service would be needed to get the troops over and supply the bridgeheads, experiments were begun.

Exhaustive tests were carried out on United Kingdom rivers with similar current conditions to those of the Rhine.

Instead of operating their craft through waves and surf with constant changes of tide, the naval forces had to learn to maneuver their boats to and from pin-point landing spots in strong currents running at right angles to their course.

The Allied armies needed fast craft sturdy enough to carry tanks, bulwarks and mobile guns to the other side.

It was finally decided that L.C.M.s, weighing 26 tons, and L.C.V.P.s, weighing nine tons, were the largest vessels for Army requirements which could still be carried overland.

Both types have hulls which lower to form ramps for loading and unloading.

THROUGH VILLAGE STREETS

The crews had to learn to launch the heavy boats through muddy river banks and had to transport some of them over hundreds of miles of damaged roads.

L.C.M. on its carrier is 77 ft. long—the equivalent to the height of a seven-story building—14 ft. wide and 20 ft. high.

Yet they were moved to their launching site over crested roads, makeshift bridges and through narrow village streets.

An L.C.V.P. is 36 ft. long, manned by a crew of four with a speed of about ten knots.

Over smooth water it can carry 50 fully equipped combat soldiers, such loads as one tank and 150 mm. infantry cannon and one 75 mm. anti-tank gun, two 75 mm. howitzers or 1,000 lbs. of petrol.

L.C.M. is a 90-foot all-steel boat carrying a crew of five. It can carry any armoured vehicle up to the size and weight of a Sherman tank, 750 shells or 600 gallons of petrol.

The children need not wait until after the war for a taste of the novelties which used to brighten our pre-war Easters. These Easter recipes include some special ones for the younger members of the family.

Be sure to get a packet or so of Dried Eggs before the holiday, especially if you expect visitors. They're a wonderful standby, and you're sure to need them for making some of your Easter meals.

EASTER PIE is savoury and tempting

Ingredients: 1 lb. mixed root vegetables, 1 lb. dried eggs, 1 lb. sugar, 1 lb. butter, 1 lb. flour, 1 lb. raisins, 1 lb. currants, 1 lb. sultanas, 1 lb. apples, 1 lb. oranges, 1 lb. lemons, 1 lb. limes, 1 lb. pineapples, 1 lb. mangoes, 1 lb. guavas, 1 lb. papayas, 1 lb. kiwis, 1 lb. avocados, 1 lb. pomegranates, 1 lb. figs, 1 lb. dates, 1 lb. almonds, 1 lb. hazelnuts, 1 lb. walnuts, 1 lb. pecans, 1 lb. cashews, 1 lb. pistachios, 1 lb. macadamias, 1 lb. coconuts, 1 lb. pineapples, 1 lb. mangoes, 1 lb. guavas, 1 lb. papayas, 1 lb. kiwis, 1 lb. avocados, 1 lb. pomegranates, 1 lb. figs, 1 lb. dates, 1 lb. almonds, 1 lb. hazelnuts, 1 lb. walnuts, 1 lb. pecans, 1 lb. cashews, 1 lb. pistachios, 1 lb. macadamias, 1 lb. coconuts.

SOYA HAZIPAN PASTE

Ingredients: 4 oz. margarine, 4 oz. salt, 4 oz. sugar, 4 oz. vinegar, 4 oz. oil, 4 oz. water, 4 oz. soy sauce, 4 oz. ketchup, 4 oz. mustard, 4 oz. Worcestershire sauce, 4 oz. Tabasco sauce, 4 oz. hot sauce, 4 oz. chili sauce, 4 oz. onion sauce, 4 oz. garlic sauce, 4 oz. ginger sauce, 4 oz. lemon sauce, 4 oz. lime sauce, 4 oz. orange sauce, 4 oz. grapefruit sauce, 4 oz. pineapple sauce, 4 oz. mango sauce, 4 oz. guava sauce, 4 oz. papaya sauce, 4 oz. kiwi sauce, 4 oz. avocado sauce, 4 oz. pomegranate sauce, 4 oz. fig sauce, 4 oz. date sauce, 4 oz. almond sauce, 4 oz. hazelnut sauce, 4 oz. walnut sauce, 4 oz. pecan sauce, 4 oz. cashew sauce, 4 oz. pistachio sauce, 4 oz. macadamia sauce, 4 oz. coconut sauce.

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